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SUBJ: COMMERCE MINISTRY WARNING ON DEALING WITH FOREIGN FIRMS

1. FOLLOWING NOTICE APPEARED IN MAY 27 ISSUE OF LOCAL ARABIC NEWSPAPER AL YAUM:
QUOTE: THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE RECOMMENDS TO ALL MERCHANTS THAT THEY NOT CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT NOR IMPORT ANY GOODS FROM A FOREIGN COMPANY IF IT IS A NEW COMPANY OR A COMPANY WHICH HAS HAD NO PREVIOUS DEALINGS IN THE KINGDOM, PRIOR TO CONSULTING WITH THE MINISTRY OR ITS BRANCH OFFICES IN JIDDA OR DAMMAM. THIS IS IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT IT IS PERMISSABLE TO DEAL WITH SUCH A FIRM AND THAT THERE ARE NO DOUBTS REGARDING (THE REPUTATION OF) THE FIRM. THIS (ADVICE) IS NECESSARY FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST. UNQUOTE

2. COMMENT: THE COMMERCE MINISTRY NOTICE MAY HAVE TWO POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS: 1) THE MINISTRY IS ATTEMPTING TO ENSURE THAT SAUDI FIRMS DO NOT DEAL WITH COMPANIES ON THE ARAB BOYCOTT LIST, OR 2) THE MINISTRY IS ESTABLISHING A SECOND LIST OF COMPANIES THAT HAVE RUN AFOUL OF THE MINISTRY (SUCH AS THE HOUSTON FIRM, HERITAGE BUILDING SYSTEM INTERNATIONAL, WHOSE PRESIDENT, JOHN MCDONALD, RECENTLY FLED THE COUNTRY BEFORE COMPLYING WITH A DECISION AGAINST HIM BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE'S TRIBUNAL FOR SETTLEMENT OF COMMERCIAL DISPUTES).
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